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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Directs the Abolition of Seigniorage on Muthuga Leaves.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 5613-15—Ft. 156-31-2, dated the 12th January 1932, reviving the levy of seigniorage of six pies per head load of muthuga leaves removed from the State Forests, power being vested with the Forest Department to permit free removal of these leaves on head loads by *bona fide* local small people.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. D2—D1. 136-1410—31, dated the 30th June 1934, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, requesting sanction to abolish the levy of seigniorage on muthuga leaves removed from the State Forests.

ORDER No. G. 1652-62—FT. 82-33-7, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17TH AUGUST 1934.

The hardship caused to the poor people by the levy of seigniorage on muthuga leaves removed from the State Forests having been a subject of discussion at the Budget and Dasara Sessions of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council in June 1933, Government promised to make an enquiry in the matter. The Chief Conservator of Forests who was asked to submit a report in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, reports that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga, and the District Forest Officer, Mysore District, are unanimously of the opinion that the levy of seigniorage on this item may be abolished as it is a hardship to the people who are making a living by the sale of these leaves. Agreeing with all these officers and also in view of the inappreciable revenue realised, the Chief Conservator of Forests recommends the abolition of the seigniorage. In these circumstances, Government are pleased to direct that the fee on muthuga leaves be abolished and that the item be excluded from the list of minor forest produce sales.

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Chief Secretary to Government.